

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A method of formatting an electronic document comprising at least two frames each containing searchable text, comprising:
  - receiving a response containing the electronic document;
  - automatically designating one of the at least two frames as a default search frame; and
  - rendering the electronic document for display.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the electronic document is a web page, wherein the response is received from the Internet and wherein at least the automatically designating and rendering are performed by a browser.
3. The method of claim 1, wherein automatically designating occurs one of before rendering and after rendering.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein automatically designating occurs without an explicit selection of the default search frame by a user.
5. The method of claim 1, wherein automatically designating comprises parsing the response to locate a default search frame identifier.
6. The method of claim 1, wherein automatically designating comprises selecting from the at least two frames a frame previously selected for a content search.
7. The method of claim 1, wherein automatically designating comprises selecting from the at least two frames according to an attribute of the at least two frames.
8. The method of claim 1, wherein automatically designating comprises one of selecting from the at least two frames a frame containing a greater amount of content and selecting a largest frame from the at least two frames.
9. The method of claim 1, further comprising highlighting the default search frame.

10. A computer readable medium, comprising a network navigation program which, when executed by a processor, causes steps comprising:

parsing a response containing an electronic document formatted with at least two frames each containing searchable content; and

automatically designating one of the at least two frames as a default search frame.

11. The computer readable medium of claim 10, wherein automatically designating is performed using information contained in at least one of the electronic document and a data structure stored locally on a machine executing the network navigation program.

12. The computer readable medium of claim 10, wherein automatically designating occurs without an explicit selection of the default search frame by a user.

13. The computer readable medium of claim 10, wherein the electronic document is a hypertext markup language (HTML) Web page and the network navigation program is a Web browser.

14. The computer readable medium of claim 10, wherein automatically designating comprises parsing the response to locate a default search frame tag.

15. The computer readable medium of claim 10, wherein automatically designating comprises accessing a data structure containing data representing a previous selection of one of the at least two frames.

16. The computer readable medium of claim 10, wherein automatically designating comprises at least one of selecting from the at least two frames according to an attribute of the at least two frames, selecting from the at least two frames a frame containing a greater amount of content and selecting a largest frame from the at least two frames.

17. The computer readable medium of claim 10, further comprising highlighting the default search frame.

18. The computer readable medium of claim 10, further comprising rendering the electronic document for display.

19. The computer readable medium of claim 18, wherein automatically designating occurs one of before rendering and after rendering.

20. The computer readable medium of claim 18, wherein at least the automatically designating and rendering are performed by a browser.

21. A computer readable medium comprising a digital document comprising (i) a format code segment which, when executed by a processor configured with a program, formats the digital document with at least two frames containing searchable content and (ii) a default search frame code segment which, when executed by the processor, designates one of the two frames as a default search frame.

22. The computer readable medium of claim 21, wherein the program is a browser and the default search frame code segment is an HTML tag.

23. The computer readable medium of claim 21, wherein at least one of the format code segment and the default search frame code segment is hypertext markup language (HTML).

24. The computer readable medium of claim 21, wherein the default search frame code segment is an attribute of a FRAMESET tag.

25. The computer readable medium of claim 21, wherein the default search frame is configured to be highlighted when rendered by the program.